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SUBJECT: FIRE BOMBNG OF UNESCO BUILDINGS: LIGHT

DAMAGE RESULTING FROM ATTACK CLAIMED BY "JEWISH SELF-DEFENSE
FRONT"

1. DUE TO QUICK FIRE DEPARTMENT REACTION, ONLY LIGHT
DAMAGE RESULTED FROM MOLOTOV COCKTAILS THROWN SHORTLY
DEFORE MIDNIGHT JANUARY 8 BY AN EXTREMIST GROUP--
REPORTEDLY SELF-DESCRIBED AS THE "JEWISH SELF-DEFENSE
FRONT"-- INTO THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE EIGHT-STORY UNESCO
FUE MIOLLIS BUILDING HOUSING THIS AND OTHER PERMDELS
AND THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE PRINCIPAL UNESCO BUILDING
AT PLACE FONTENOY. NO DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THIS OR ANY
OTHER PERMDEL OFFICE.

2. ACCORDING TO UNESCO DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, JOHN
FOBES, THE GROUP LEFT A PIECE OF PAPER ONLY IDENTIFY-
ING ITS TITLE AS THE "FRONT D'AUTODEFENSE JUIVE"--
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"FADJ" IN INITIALS PRINTED ON WALLS--AND TELEPHONED

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE TO CLAIM ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK, BUT LEFT OR MADE NO OTHER EXPLANATION FOR THE ACTION.

3. HOWEVER, FOBES SAID THAT THE SECRETARIAT BELIEVES IT WAS THE SAME GROUP THAT SENT A FEW YOUNG MEN WHO UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO BURN THE UN FLAG OUTSIDE THE PLACE FONTENOY BUILDING ON DECEMBER 22; THE FINAL DAY OF THE UNESCO MEETING ON A MASS MEDIA PRINCIPLES DRAFT DECLARATION IN WHICH LANGUAGE WAS ADOPTED "RECALLING" INTERALIA, UNGA RESOLUTION 3379 POSITING THE "ZIONISM-RACISM" EQUATION.

4. THE MIOLLIS AND FONTENOY BUILDINGS REPORTEDLY WERE ATTACKED SIMULTANEOUSLY SOMETIME AFTER 11:00 P.M. JANUARY 8. AT THE MIOLLIS BUILDING THE ATTACKERS FIRST BROKE A LARGE PLATE GLASS WINDOW WITH STONES AND THREE ONE OR MORE MOLOTOV COCKTAILS INTO THE BUILDING COMPLETELY BURNING OUT THE COOK'S TRAVEL AGENCY OPEN DESK AREA ON THE GROUND FLOOR. THE PARIS FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRIVED AT THE SCENE LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES LATER AND LIMITED DAMAGE TO THE SCORCHING OF THE COOK'S TRAVEL FACILITY AND OVERHEAD CEILING. AT THE MAIN FONTENOY BUILDING, THE GROUP THREW THREE FIRE BOMBS WHICH ONLY PENETRATED THE OUTERMOST OF THE DOUBLE GLASS DOORS OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND SCORCHED THE SMALL VESTIBULE AREA BETWEEN THE DOORS. DESPITE THE REPORTED THROWING OF DIESEL FUEL INTO THE FLAMES, A UNESCO GUARD PUT OUT THE BLAZE WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER BEFORE IT COULD SPREAD.

5. DEPUTY DG FOBES ADVISED PERMDEL THAT DG M'BOW WILL ISSUE A PRESS COMMUNIQUE DENOUNCING THE INCIDENT AND PLANS TO SEND A STRONG DEMAND FOR INCREASED GOVERNMENT SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO PROTECT THE UNESCO BUILDINGS. M'BOW IS FURTHER CONSIDERING CONVENING AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE OF MEMBER STATES TO CONSIDER WAYS OF IMPROVING SECURITY PROTECTION MEASURES FOR THE ORGANIZATION.

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